

SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first paragraph on page 1 of the Specification with the following paragraph:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present invention is related to those disclosed in United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/036,807, filed concurrently herewith, [~~Docket No. 01-HK-035, filed concurrently herewith~~], and issued as U.S. Patent No. 7,154,885 on December 26, 2006, entitled "APPARATUS FOR SWITCHING DATA IN HIGH-SPEED NETWORKS AND METHOD OF OPERATION". ~~Application Serial~~ U.S. Patent No. 7,154,885 [~~Docket No. 01-HK-035~~] is commonly assigned to the assignee of the present invention. The disclosure of the related patent application is hereby incorporated by reference for all purposes as if fully set forth herein.